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MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THWAITES
VILLAGE HALL, THE GREEN ON 6 JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING
AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington (Chair), Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr D Savage, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Wright, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr M Kitchingman, Cllr A Calsy
2 members of the public
Lesley Cooper Clerk

109/24 Apologies for absence
None

110/24 Exclusion of Press and Public
Agenda Item 16 – Closed Session. The Chair proposed that this item be deferred to the February meeting

111/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

112/24 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 November 2024
The minutes were signed by the Chair

113/24 Police Liaison Report
Circulated it was noted that some speeding monitoring had taken place at The Green.

114/24 Progress Report
114/24.1 Follow up actions from meeting with ENW
Cllr Savage reported that an article had been received for Out and About.
A copy of the map showing electrical supply to be displayed on the website

114/24.2 Clerks Report
The solar lights were now back up and working

115/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

116/24 Unitary Councillor Report
Clerk was instructed to contact Cllr Pratt, suggesting a report be sent in his absence.

117/24 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:
117/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2024/4094 Bank House, The Green
Conversion of traditional stone barn to provide ancillary accommodation with associated infrastructure.

Supported in principle, some concerns expressed re the amount of glass in the circular window,

117/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.
none

117/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2024/4077 Broadgate, Thwaites
Re-roofing to utility building, replacing 2 no. rooflights and general roof repairs
Granted

118/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

118/24.1 The following payments were approved

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses – December	£217.96
HMRC	PAYE	£ 46.00
Thwaites Village Hall	Room hire	£180.00
D Savage	Reimburse Website costs	£ 28.98

The following payments were made in December under Financial Standing Orders

HMRC	PAYE	£ 46.00
L Cooper	Salary & Expenses November	£ 193.76
SLCC	Membership	£ 50.67
Whamos	dot gov email addresses	£ 40.00

Payments approved .

118/24.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

118/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 November 2024

Verified by Cllr Kitchingman.

118/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required.

118/24.5 To note that the Precept Request for £12000 has been submitted

118/24.6 To determine the actions required for the none payment of a garage licence

The Clerk reported that no payment had been received for the Land Licence outstanding.

Resolved that Cllrs Kitchingman and Savage to speak to the Licensee to determine their reasons for not paying.

119/24 PARISH MATTERS

119/24.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Clerk reported that 10 benches had been delivered and awaiting installation.

Resolved to instruct contractor to replace the 3 identified as in poor condition.

Clerk to collate suggestions for the placement of remaining 7.

b) Review of Community Plan – Consultation with The Hill residents

Meeting arranged for 27 January 2025 7pm at Thwaites Village Hall to assess feedback.

c) To determine type of construction of path to play area

Clerk gave a copy of specifications for a pathway to play area for Cllr Kitchingman to take to Thwaites Village Hall Committee meeting to determine which surface they favoured.

d) Empty Houses

Concerns that the renovation of the house at The Green is impinging on the footpath to the Pinnel Hole. To monitor

119/24.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

Cllr Calsy reported that a stakeholder meeting to be held on 15 January 2025 at Thwaites VH to update on Town Deal, work by County and feasibility if an lrt & Duddon crossing.

ii) Pinnel Hole

Clerk to write to owner of vehicles parked there, requesting their removal.

119/24.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Email addresses and future of website –

All councillors now have the dot gov email address

b) CGP Trustees and signatories

Resolved Cllrs Pogrel and Bates to be the new Trustees and bank signatories.

c) Ward Boundaries Consultation

The current councillor has too many parishes to cover. Parish Council feels disconnected. Millom without ward should be split in 2 to reflect geographical spread.

d) VE Day 8 May 2025

The Parish Council will support the village Halls in holding events if required.

e) The Big Lunch webinar 8 January 2025

Noted

119/24.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy reported that working with Thwaites School on energy survey. Litter picks will commence when better weather.

b) Park Wood

Cllr Bates reported that there is now a Woodland Management plan in place. Long term greater biodiversity in planting. Short term allow spruce plantation to grow, thinning out where required. Plans to renovate ponds and increase signage.

Councillors felt this was a positive step for change and implementation dates would be welcome. Continue to engage with local community.

120/24 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF

Cllr Carrington reported that Millom Town Council had withdrawn from the Community Partnership. NWS has suspended the Partnership and commissioned an external review.

Council resolved to await the report and consider it before making any decisions.

b) Millom Marsh Meeting

Cllr Bates reported awaiting a nationwide Flood Risk Assessment which will include the Duddon Estuary. Problems that the land channels are not being cleaned out, reliant on farmers to undertake the works.

Long term resilience of the marsh is being considered.

121/24 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received that has not been previously circulated:

- A request had been received for a donation to Cumbria Community Foundation refused.
- Correspondence had been received from a resident re the bamboo at Hill Brow. Cllr Carrington to respond

122/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Savage stated that the advert for new councillors would be placed in the February Out and About.
- Cllr Wright reported that the new sign for Lady Hall at Buckman's Brow is miss spelled and indicates a change of name for the community. Clerk to contact highways
- Cllr Pogrel reported that there has been sightings of hemlock in river systems after the recent heavy rains and storms. As this is dangerous to people and animals, any sightings to be reported to Cumberland Council.
- Cllr Kitchingman asked for an update on the speed signs.
- Cllr Calsy gave apologies for the February meeting.

123/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3 February 2025 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2130hrs

Signed 

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